WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Mismanagement in BARC

1960. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "BARC's secrecy veil breeding mismanagement" published in "The Hindustan Times" Delhi dated the 21st April, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the state of affairs, mal-functioning and mismanagement as alleged in the news item, which is a serious matter, have been got investigated at appropriate level;

(c) if so, the factual details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to streamline the functioning of BARC and to bring about reasonable transparency in the country's top atomic organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The allegations made in the report arc totally baseless and without any substance.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

NPP project

1961. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Nuclear Power Profile (NPP) project envisaged in 1984, at a cost of Rs. 16,661.5 crore;

(b) what amount has been spent so far and what has been achieved out of it;

(c) what is Government's stand regarding advance purchase in material and equipment of Rs. 1328 crore in 1988, now left with scrap value only, as indicated by CAG also; and

(d) the details of the evaluation of the project since its, inception?